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TO ENTERTAIN

GOOD CHILDREN.



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LOS ANGELES

JOHN WILSON,

THE

YOUNG BOAT BUILDER.

LITTLE John Richards told his father and mother he should like to sit by the fire, and entertain them by reading a few nice stories, which he had purchased at the Juvenile Library, Bartholomew Close, West Smithfield, London, and

began in the following manner.

John Wilson was born at Limehouse, in the year 1645, and was sent to a Charity School, his father dying while he was very young.

He continued so good a boy, and attended so regular at church, that a gen-



BOAT BUILDERS.



tleman took him from school, and bound him an apprentice to a respectable boat-builder.

After he had been three years, his master took him into the house to live with him, and at the end of his apprenticeship gave him half his business. He was so very assiduous and careful, that in the course of a

short time he became the first man in the parish. He bought a small house in the country, and took a little boy, whose parents were very poor, and had him put to school at his own expence.

This boy proved a great comfort to him in his old age, for every thing prospered with him, and all the villagers respected him.



FEEDING THE CHICKENS.



THE
BENEVOLENT PRIEST.

A Clergyman in the North of England was walking with his daughter one morning, when they were overtaken by a violent storm of thunder and lightening, accompanied with a heavy shower of rain, which obliged them to take shelter in the cot-

tage of a poor peasant who had ten children, and nothing more to support them with than the produce of his labour. He worked very hard; but the dearness of provision and the largeness of his family prevented him from giving them any education, so they were obliged to go to work as soon as nature enabled them.



THE CLERGYMAN.



The clergyman was so hurt at the pitiful condition of the poor man, that he resolved to provide some means of relieving his distress ; and when he got home, he prevailed on one of his parishioners, who was a gardener, to employ them in the day, and he would instruct them in the evening.

They soon began to read and write very well, and as a reward to their kind benefactor, they generously offered to cultivate his garden as long as he should live.

This the good priest would not accept of, but in return bought them a piece of ground to cultivate for themselves.



THE LITTLE GARDENERS.



This supported them very prettily, and from their own industry, were enabled to assist their younger brothers, who all became workmen in the garden, and made good members of society.

In the course of six years they were so prosperous, that they built a house at one end of the

garden sufficiently large for their father and mother, and the whole family ; for this good act they were much respected, and gained the name of the happy family.

Industry is the road to wealth and happiness, every little boy and girl should be obedient to their parents, and read their book carefully.



SELLING PIES,



THE
PYE-WOMAN.

WILLIAM Wood was one morning going to school, when he met a poor woman, who got her bread by selling hot mutton pies. She was going to buy meat for that purpose.

After some conversation

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she told him, if he would call at her cottage as he came from school, she would shew him some pretty little pigeons that were so tame, they would eat out of her hand.

Master Wood gave her a penny, and promised to call as he returned in the evening ; he did so, and found the poor woman

busily employed in making pies. He went into the yard, and was much pleased with the nice house she had built for them.

He knew his brother Charles and sister Mary were very fond of pigeons, and the old woman wishing to dispose of them, he bought three.

Charles and Mary were both delighted with the kindness of their brother William, for you know, my dear little readers, it was very good of William to oblige his brother and sister by bringing them so nice a present.

The next money he got, he went to the old woman's and bought the pigeon



THE PIGEON.



house, and had it put over the kitchen chamber. He was a very kind brother, and made his parents very happy.



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